The Jolly Boat

Regina Maris Reunion 2013

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From the Reunion Artifact Room

Lift-type half-model. c 1964 Commissioned by J AA Wilson John Kerr collection

Half-model nameplate. Detail

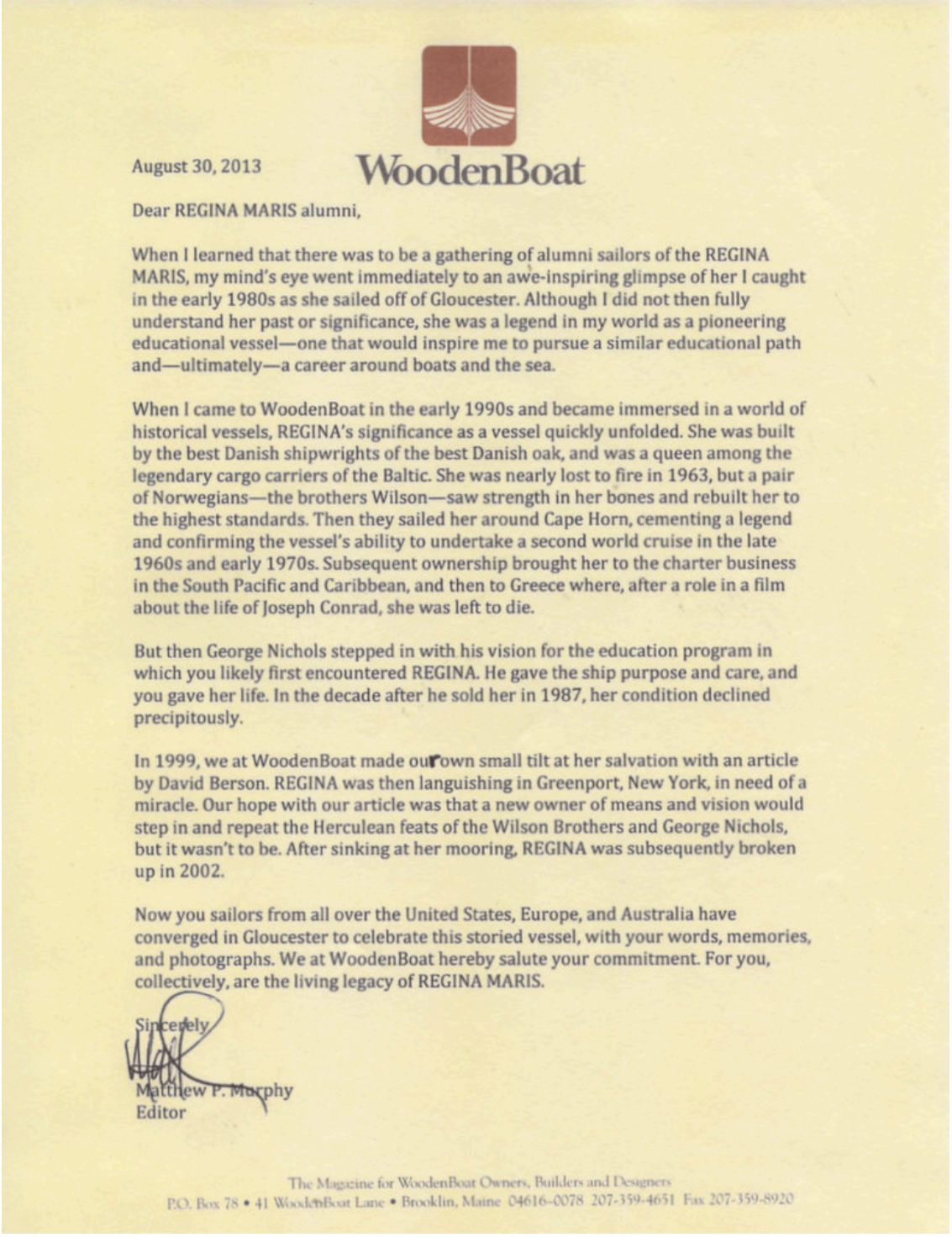
CLIPPERBARQUENTINE
REGINA MARIS
EX 3-MAST SCHOONER REGINA

OWNER CAPT J AA WILSON
LOA 100'-0 B 25'-9 D MLD 11'-10
BUILT BY O RING-ANDERSEN SVENBORG 1908
REBUILT BY P.HOVOLDS MEK VERKSTED
KRISTIANSAND 1964

Half-model nameplate. Content..

Letters of Recognition

As official commemoration of our Reunion, the leaders of two organizations closely involved in the history and evolution of modern tall ships kindly sent us letters of recognition for our participation in the voyages of the Regina Maris.



August 30, 2013

WoodenBoat

Dear REGINA MARIS alumni,

When I learned that there was to be a gathering of alumni sailors of the REGINA MARIS, my mind's eye went immediately to an awe-inspiring glimpse of her I caught in the early 1980s as she sailed off of Gloucester. Although I did not then fully understand her past or significance, she was a legend in my world as a pioneering educational vessel—one that would inspire me to pursue a similar educational path and—ultimately—a career around boats and the sea.

When I came to WoodenBoat in the early 1990s and became immersed in a world of historical vessels, REGINA's significance as a vessel quickly unfolded. She was built by the best Danish shipwrights of the best Danish oak, and was a queen among the legendary cargo carriers of the Baltic. She was nearly lost to fire in 1963, but a pair of Norwegians—the brothers Wilson—saw strength in her bones and rebuilt her to the highest standards. Then they sailed her around Cape Horn, cementing a legend and confirming the vessel's ability to undertake a second world cruise in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Subsequent ownership brought her to the charter business in the South Pacific and Caribbean, and then to Greece where, after a role in a film about the life of Joseph Conrad, she was left to die.

But then George Nichols stepped in with his vision for the education program in which you likely first encountered REGINA. He gave the ship purpose and care, and you gave her life. In the decade after he sold her in 1987, her condition declined precipitously.

In 1999, we at WoodenBoat made our own small tilt at her salvation with an article by David Berson. REGINA was then languishing in Greenport, New York, in need of a miracle. Our hope with our article was that a new owner of means and vision would step in and repeat the Herculean feats of the Wilson Brothers and George Nichols, but it wasn't to be. After sinking at her mooring, REGINA was subsequently broken up in 2002.

Now you sailors from all over the United States, Europe, and Australia have converged in Gloucester to celebrate this storied vessel, with your words, memories, and photographs. We at WoodenBoat hereby salute your commitment. For you, collectively, are the living legacy of REGINA MARIS.

Sincerely,

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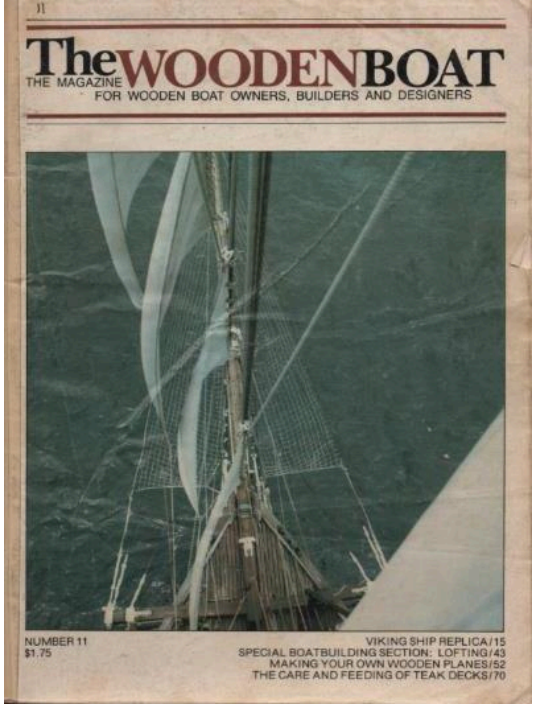
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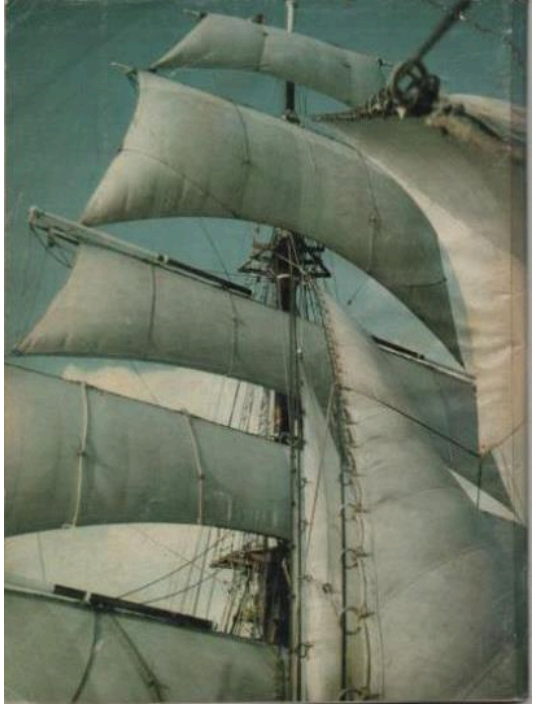

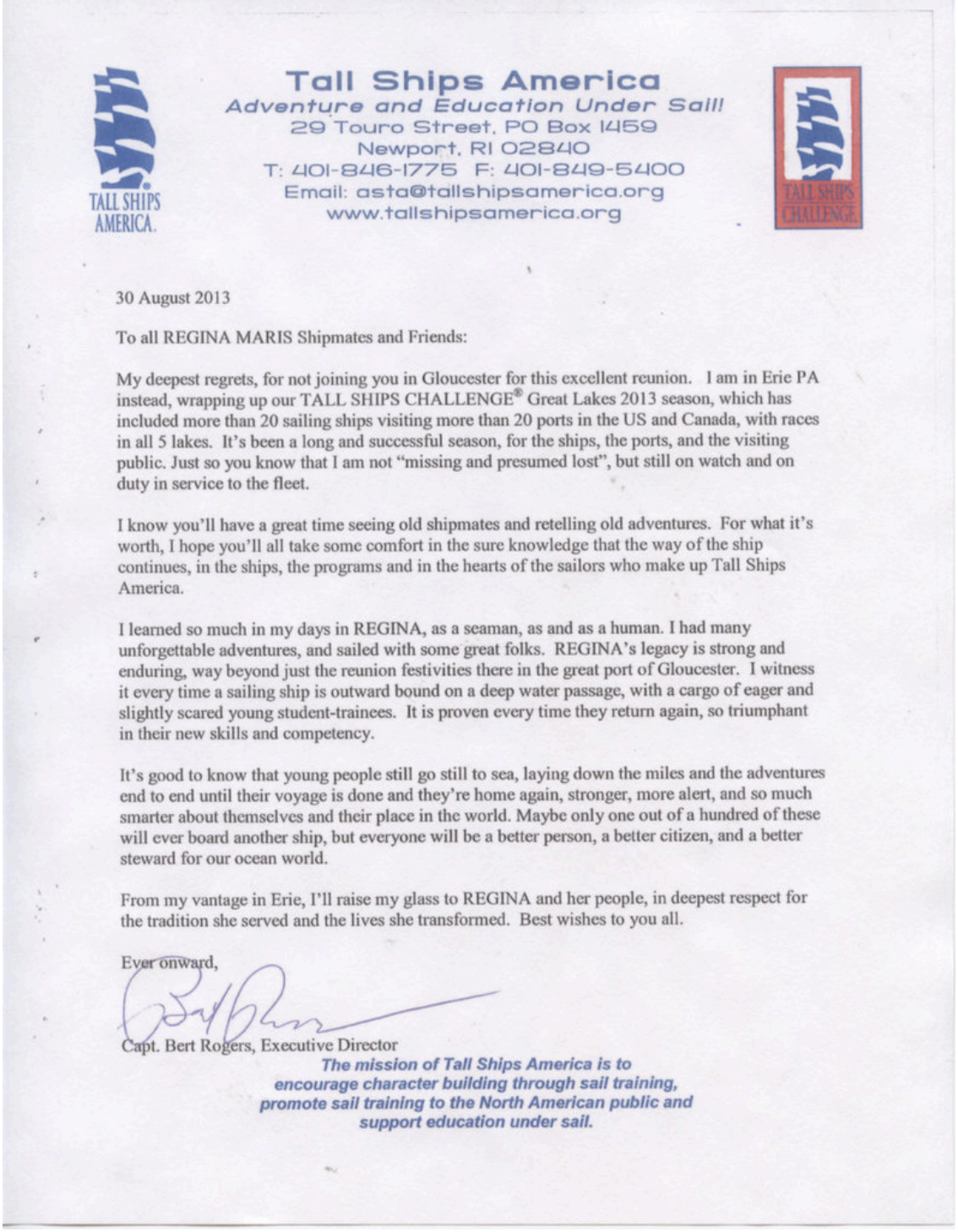

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TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE

30 August 2013

To all REGINA MARIS Shipmates and Friends:

My deepest regrets, for not joining you in Gloucester for this excellent reunion. I am in Erie PA instead, wrapping up our TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Great Lakes 2013 season, which has included more than 20 sailing ships visiting more than 20 ports in the US and Canada, with races in all 5 lakes. It's been a long and successful season, for the ships, the ports, and the visiting public. Just so you know that I am not "missing and presumed lost", but still on watch and on duty in service to the fleet.

I know you'll have a great time seeing old shipmates and retelling old adventures. For what it's worth, I hope you'll all take some comfort in the sure knowledge that the way of the ship continues, in the ships, the programs and in the hearts of the sailors who make up Tall Ships America.

I learned so much in my days in REGINA, as a seaman, as and as a human. I had many unforgettable adventures, and sailed with some great folks. REGINA's legacy is strong and enduring, way beyond just the reunion festivities there in the great port of Gloucester. I witness it every time a sailing ship is outward bound on a deep water passage, with a cargo of eager and slightly scared young student-trainees. It is proven every time they return again, so triumphant in their new skills and competency.

It's good to know that young people still go still to sea, laying down the miles and the adventures end to end until their voyage is done and they're home again, stronger, more alert, and so much smarter about themselves and their place in the world. Maybe only one out of a hundred of these will ever board another ship, but everyone will be a better person, a better citizen, and a better steward for our ocean world.

From my vantage in Erie, I'll raise my glass to REGINA and her people, in deepest respect for the tradition she served and the lives she transformed. Best wishes to you all.

Ever onward,

Capt. Bert Rogers, Executive Director

The mission of Tall Ships America is to encourage character building through sail training, promote sail training to the North American public and support education under sail.

Fellow Regina Crew, Bert Rogers, is Executive Director of Tall Ships America.

Flags over the Reunion

Two new Regina Maris flags presided over the Reunion, flying on the two flagpoles at the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center and in the shrouds of the two schooners, the *Ardelle* and *Lannon*. The flags will be available to borrow by any Regina crew for flying over regional gathers or any other events where it may be appropriate to "fly the flag". Just send an email to **reginamaris1908@gmail.com** with your request and we'll figure out logistics of getting it to you. Size of the flag is 4 ft x 3 ft.

The Official Reunion Photo w everyone ID'd will be out with the next Jolly Boat.

This is a Text Block. Use this to provide text...

Share Your Reunion Pictures via The Jolly Boat

Have some pictures of the Reunion that you want to share with your Shipmates? If you have your photos posted as a photo album online (Facebook, Picasa, Flickr or other photo sharing service) you can send the link to us at reginamaris1908@gmail.com and we will include it in the next Jolly Boat. Note that we will never share your photo links

outside the Jolly Boat mailing list (which consists of only verified former Regina crew.) Here is the link to the Steve Nelson Reunion Photos that were shared last Jolly Boat. Still working out some technical issues on sharing the photos some of you sent links to. We are still looking for more reunion photos to share, even if you only have a few.

Steve Nelson Reunion Photos

Sharing the Jolly Boat Contact List

Some have written us at **reginamaris1908@gmail.com** to request contact information for other crew. Our current policy is to share email contact information for Regina Crew who are on the Jolly Boat mailing list with other Regina Crew only. Note that only confirmed past Regina crew are on the Jolly Boat mailing list.

To make it easier for all of us to find each other, I am planning to share a complete email contact list for the Regina Crew in a future Jolly Boat newsletter.

Details to be shared will be:

- Name
- email
- City, State/Province/etc, Country, (your street address will not be shared)
- Dates aboard Regina

If you have any privacy concerns and would like some or all of your personal info to be withheld from this contact list, let me know. Your information will be limited to just what you want to share.

If you want to update your contact information now, you can do so by going to the bottom of this email and clicking on "update subscription preferences".

The Jolly Boat will Continue . . .

If you have any news to share with your Regina shipmates in the Jolly Boat, or have a project you'd like to suggest or participate in, send us an email at

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Steve Nelson

on behalf of

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